Local Government Veteran Named Franklin County Administrator

COLUMBUS--Franklin County Commissioners today appointed Don L. Brown (43220) as County Administrator.

Brown, 56, is a certified public accountant and certified government financial manager. He most recently served as Financial Services Senior Vice President for MAXIMUS, Inc., a private government services company which has consistently been ranked by Forbes Magazine as among the Best Small Companies in America.

"Don Brown is a nationally recognized leader, with more than 30 years of experience in helping local governments solve complex problems," said Board President Mary Jo Kilroy. "He has counseled more than 400 federal, state, and local government clients in 16 states. His understanding of public finance is unsurpassed. The fact that he is an Ohio native and started his career working for Franklin County is a bonus."

"His familiarity with best practices in fiscal accountability and otherwise makes Don Brown an invaluable resource for us," added Commissioner Paula Brooks. "I look forward to working with Don to introduce some of those practices to Franklin County and the community."

Brown worked as an administrative analyst for the City of Columbus; Administrative Services Director for the Franklin County Sheriff; and the county's Director of Finance. In 1980 he became the Budget Director for Dallas County, Texas. Since joining MAXIMUS (formerly DMG-MAXIMUS) in 1982, he has consulted on a wide range of public finance, infrastructure, performance management, and compensation plan design. His projects include serving as an expert witness for the City of New York in resolving a dispute between the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and developing a classification and compensation plan for the Massachusetts Community College System.

Brown, who earned his Masters in Public Administration and B.A. from Ohio State University, will begin work on June 8 at a salary of \$138,000.